nutritious food choices and lead healthy lifestyles.

In recognition of the contributions of the National School Lunch Program to the health, education, and well-being of America's children, the Congress, by joint resolution of October 9, 1962 (Public Law 87–780), as amended, has designated the week beginning on the second Sunday in October of each year as "National School Lunch Week" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14 through October 20, 2007, as National School Lunch Week. I call upon all Americans to join the dedicated individuals who administer the National School Lunch Program in appropriate activities that support the health and well-being of our Nation's children.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

## George W. Bush

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# Proclamation 8191—White Cane Safety Day, 2007

October 12, 2007

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

Our country upholds the value of every person, and all Americans deserve an opportunity to realize the American dream. Many citizens who are blind or visually impaired use white canes to achieve greater independence and increase mobility and productivity. On White Cane Safety Day, we celebrate the symbolism of the white cane, and we underscore our dedication to ensuring more individuals have the ability to lead active lives

and achieve their personal and professional goals.

My Administration is committed to helping Americans with disabilities live and work with greater freedom. Through the New Freedom Initiative, we are building on the progress of the Americans with Disabilities Act and helping our citizens who are blind or visually impaired gain greater access to the workplace, school, and community life. By working to tear down barriers, we are creating a society where all people are encouraged to reach their full potential and where the promise of our great Nation is accessible for everyone.

The Congress, by joint resolution (Public Law 88–628) approved on October 6, 1964, as amended, has designated October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day."

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2007, as White Cane Safety Day. I call upon public officials, business leaders, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

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# Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

#### October 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

#### October 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Camp David, MD.

#### October 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### October 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea. He then participated in a briefing on No Child Left Behind Act reauthorization legislation.

### October 10

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Yamile Llanes Labrada and Shirlen Garcia, the wife and daughter of Cuban political prisoner Jose Luis Garcia Paneque, who was arrested in Cuba on March 18, 2003.

#### October 11

In the morning, in the Situation Room, the President had a video teleconference with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with the Wall Street Journal. Later, in the Library, he participated in an interview with Maria Bartiromo of CNBC's "Closing Bell."

Later in the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President participated in a photo opportunity with the Ballou Senior High School Marching Band of Washington, DC. Later, in the East Room, he dropped by a screening of "Ballou: A Documentary Film," which was hosted by Mrs. Bush.

The President announced his intention to nominate Simon Charles Gros to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation (Governmental Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah K. Jones to be Ambassador to Kuwait.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick Francis Kennedy to be Under Secretary of State (Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph J. Murin to be President of the Government National Mortgage Association.

The President announced that he has named David M. Clark as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel.

The President announced that he has named John P. Bailey as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Therese Burch as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Advance.

The President announced that he has named Christopher Papagianis as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Michael Y. Scudder, Jr., as Senior Associate Counsel to the President, National Security Council Legal Advisor, and General Counsel.

#### October 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Pinellas Park, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Brenda Guinand. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where he met with Cuban American community leaders. Later, he traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda to the White House on October 30.

## Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

# **Checklist** of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### Released October 6

Statement by the Press Secretary on U.S. trade with Costa Rica

#### Released October 9

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press briefing by Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Frances Fragos Townsend

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1983

Fact sheet: National Strategy for Homeland Security

## Released October 10

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

## Released October 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: FY07 Results: Deficit Declining Towards 2012 Surplus

#### Released October 12

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Meet With Ugandan President Museveni

Fact sheet: Latin American and Korean Free Trade Agreements Vital to U.S. Economy and Security

# Acts Approved by the President

## Approved October 9

S. 1983 / Public Law 110–94 Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act